



**CITY OF MESA
PARKS AND RECREATION
ADULT SPORTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

Welcome to the Adult Sports Program sponsored by the City of Mesa Parks, Recreation and Commercial Facilities Department. This program is offered for your enjoyment and therefore, your cooperation and sportsmanship is essential to the overall success of the program. All players, coaches, managers and spectators are expected to act in an acceptable manner during the entire program. The City of Mesa Parks, Recreation and Commercial Facilities Department reserves the right to take any disciplinary action it deems appropriate against players, coaches, managers and spectators not acting in an acceptable manner, including, but not limited to suspension from games, expulsion from the park and future participation in any future programs. The benefit a participant derives from this program depends on the participant's adherence to accepted standards of behavior.

These definitions provide information and directions to participants regarding standards of behavior, as well as consequences of participant/team misconduct.

Each participant is expected to do the following:

- Demonstrate courtesy, even when others do not.
- Behave in a responsible manner, always exercising self-discipline.
- Respect the rights and privileges of other participants and Staff.
- Respect the property of others, including City of Mesa property and facilities.
- Cooperate with and assist the staff in maintaining safety, order, and discipline.

Unacceptable behaviors include the following:

- Being involved in an instance of any form of insubordination.
- Failure to conform to the City of Mesa rules.
- Use of profanity, vulgar language, or obscene gestures.
- Defacing and/or damaging City of Mesa property or the property of others.
- Engaging in inappropriate physical or verbal contact.
- Running, pushing, shoving, littering, or throwing objects (which are not part of supervised activity).
- Producing loud, rude, or unnecessary noises.
- Involvement with drugs, alcohol, or weapons.



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CATEGORY I **Minimum Penalty:** Warning.
Maximum Penalty: Ejection from
current game plus suspension for next game &
probation for current season.

NO INDIVIDUAL SHALL:

- A. Be guilty of objectionable demonstration of dissent by throwing playing equipment or any other forceful action.
- B. Discuss with an official, in any manner, the decision reached by an official, except for the manager, coach or captain.
- C. Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any individual on or off the playing field/court. (excessive could fall into category II or III)
- D. Use profane, obscene or vulgar language/behavior, in any manner, at any time, on or off the playing field/court.
- E. Use unnecessary rough tactics in the play of game. (intentional/flagrant could fall into category II or III)
- F. Be involved in any taunting on or off the playing field/court
- G. Leave behind excessive trash.
- H. Attempt to damage, destroy or steal City/Government property
- I. Drink alcoholic beverages during their specific league or tournament game.

CATEGORY II **Minimum Penalty:** Forfeit of game and/or
individual suspension plus probation (team and/or
individual) for current season.
Maximum Penalty: Suspension from league &
probation for the next season of play.

NO COACH, MANAGER OR PLAYER SHALL:

- A. Appear on the field/court of play, at any time, in an intoxicated condition or under the influence of any other type of drug which will infringe upon the individual's safety or the safety of others.
- B. Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any official or city staff on or off the playing field/court.
- C. Use excessive profane, obscene or vulgar language/behavior, in any manner, at any time, on or off the playing field/court.
- D. Directly or indirectly threaten another individual including officials and/or city staff. (Assault charges may be filed A.R.S. 13-1202)



CATEGORY III **Minimum Penalty:** Suspension from league (team and/or individual) and probation for one year.
Maximum Penalty: Banned from City of Mesa Sports Programs.

NO INDIVIDUAL SHALL:

- A. Lay a hand upon, shove, strike or threaten to strike an official or individual. (Assault charges may be filed A.R.S. 13-1203)
- B. Be guilty of a physical attack upon any official or individual. (Assault charges may be filed A.R.S. 13-1203)
- C. Be guilty of damaging, destroying or stealing City/Government property.

If a player is ejected at or near the end of the game the ejection is carried over to the next game. If a player is ejected they are ejected for that day's/night's games. I.e.: player ejected from first game of double header, they cannot play in the second game.

This code of conduct is an attempt to address any and all unsportsmanlike conduct within the Adult Sports Program. Any unsportsmanlike conduct, even if not mentioned above, will be addressed on a case by case basis. Game officials and/or city staff will determine if an act is "unsportsmanlike." Team penalties may be imposed if multiple individuals, from the same team, violate this code of conduct.

Managers/Coaches may also have penalties imposed on them for their team's/player's actions.

INDIVIDUALS DETERMINE THEIR INFRACTIONS BY THEIR ACTIONS.
PENALTIES ARE DETERMINED BY THE TYPE AND NUMBER OF
INFRACTIONS AND PLAYER/TEAM STATUS. IE: IS INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM
ON PROBATION?

Any discipline appeal must be made in writing, by the player or manager within 24 hours of receiving notice of discipline by Recreation Staff.

****By signing the team roster all players, coaches, and managers attest that they have read and understand this Adult Sports Code of Conduct. They further agree to abide by this Code of Conduct.****